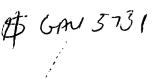
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated October 21, 2003, or until March 21, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$210.00 to pay the two-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(2).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or B certit any over paper is enclosed. credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this

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